UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/590,497 | 08/24/2006 | Manabu Kato | Q96669 | 1066 |
| 23373 SUGHRUE MI | 7590 11/12/200 ON. PLLC | EXAMINER | | |
| 2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. | | | DUNLAP, JONATHAN M | |
| SUITE 800 WASHINGTO | WASHINGTON, DC 20037 | | ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
| | | | 2855 | |
| | | | | |
| | | MAIL DATE | DELIVERY MODE | |
| | | | 11/12/2008 | PAPER |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

| | | Application No. | Applicant(s) | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| | | 10/590,497 | KATO ET AL. | | | |
| Response | to Rule 312 Communication | Examiner | Art Unit | | | |
| | | Jonathan Dunlap | 2855 | | | |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address – | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| 1. X The amen | dment filed on <u>05 November 2008</u> under 37 C | FR 1.312 has been considere | ed, and has been: | | | |
| a) 🔲 ente | | | , | | | |
| b) 🛛 ente | entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention. | | | | | |
| c) 🔲 disa | disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee. | | | | | |
| | Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue. | | | | | |
| d) 🔲 disa | pproved. See explanation below. | | | | | |
| e) 🔲 ente | red in part. See explanation below. | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| /J. D./ | | /Harshad Patel/ | | | | |
| Examiner, Art | Unit 2855 | Primary Examiner, | Art Unit 2855 | | | |